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Police Department Now Offers Online Exchange Zone at Justice Center

A Safe Place to Meet and Conduct Sales Transactions Initiated Online

In an effort to increase safety with online purchases, the St. Charles Police Department now offers an Online Exchange Zone at its Justice Center located at 1781 Zumbehl Road (63303). Transactions can be done in the security of the lobby during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday) or in the front parking lot after hours. Both areas are monitored 24/7 by video surveillance.

According to Police Chief Randy McKinley, the St. Charles Police Department initiated the Online Exchange Zone in response to the growing popularity of online sales. "Given the increased use of sites such as Craigslist, Ebay, Facebook groups, and others," he said, "we wanted to ensure our residents have a safe, secure place to finalize these transactions."

There are some considerations the Police Department has requested for those using the Online Exchange Zone. Weapons and/or weapons transactions will not be permitted. Likewise, the sale or exchange of large items that need to be towed or transported by trailer are not permitted on City property. Police officers or police department employees will not be able to monitor exchanges. And finally, remember to be conscientious when making a purchase to avoid buying stolen goods.

Other tips for buying and selling in general? Insist on meeting in a public place; never meet somewhere secluded. Do not invite strangers into your home. Be especially careful when buying or selling high-value items. When leaving to make a transaction, always tell a friend or family member where you are going. Take your cell phone. Consider having a friend go along. And lastly, trust your instincts!

For more information on the new Online Exchange Zone, call 636-949-3300.

Annual Retail Sales Hit Record High in St. Charles County

Annual retail sales climbed 7.41 percent to hit a new record high of \$5,385,652,114 for 2014 in St. Charles County, up from \$5,014,133,306 in 2013, according to figures released in February by the St. Charles County Department of Finance and the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County.

"The renewed and continued growth in annual retail sales is driven in part by consumer confidence, strong employment numbers, and motor vehicle sales tax collections, which are the largest source of sales tax revenue," said Greg Prestemon, president and CEO of the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County. He added, "St. Charles County currently has about 8 million-square-feet of retail space and a vacancy rate below the St. Louis market average. With new retail proposals on the horizon, this upward trend is expected to continue for 2015."

He listed some of the major retail projects in the community such as the purchase and proposed expansion of The Meadows in Lake Saint Louis by New York-based Cohen Equities; continued growth at The Streets of St. Charles, including the recent opening there of an

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Construction of the new river wall began the week of May 18. Despite the large amount of construction along Fifth Street, all businesses remain open.

Fifth Street Improvements Taking Shape

Since the ground-breaking ceremony held in early February, construction efforts on the Fifth Street Gateway enhancement project have quickly gotten underway. To date, construction highlights include:

- ▶ Utility relocation work -- Ameren, Charter and AT&T
- ▶ Excavation and installation of new water main
- ▶ Installation of new storm sewers and pipes
- ▶ Removal of bushes, branches and trees to make way for enhancements
- ▶ Removal of existing curbs and sidewalks followed by the pouring of new concrete
- ▶ Removal of media islands so that two-way traffic can be maintained at all times
- ▶ Installation of drainage structures throughout the project site

Business owners in the project zone continue to meet monthly with City staff along with key contacts from the general contractor, R.V. Wagner. These meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of City Hall, 200 N. Second St. (63301). All are welcome!

Ongoing project updates are summarized in the weekly City eNews (distributed on Friday afternoons). To be a part of that distribution, please send an email to enews@stcharlescymogov. In addition, helpful business maps along with wayfinding alternatives and routes can be found on the project website page: www.stcharlescymogov/fifthstreet. Thank you for your continued patience and support!



Percent Complete
20%

What To Expect in
the Next 90 Days

- Boone's Lick Road (west of Fifth Street) will be finished and reopened to traffic.
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- All retaining walls, including the River Wall at Boone's Lick and Fifth, will be completed.
- All utility relocation work should be completed.
- The new 12" water main should be completely installed and in use.
- The west side of Fifth Street should be substantially complete (this includes concrete items like street, curb & gutter and sidewalk, but not decorative lighting or landscape items).



Base Construction Complete at New Public Works Facility

For all practical purposes, construction of the new Public Works facility at 2871 Elmpoint Industrial Drive is complete. The project's base bid included a 16,978 sq. ft. administration building and a 24,917 sq. ft. fleet maintenance building with space and service equipment to maintain the department's 150 vehicles, trucks, buses, and pieces of heavy equipment.

"Within the last month, construction of the base campus was completed," said Daniel Beers, Public Works Construction Project Manager. "Once all the final punch list items are addressed, the Street Division will be ready to move in."

Recently added to the project (and currently under construction) is a new 4,000 ton capacity salt storage structure. The salt storage structure is scheduled to be completed by October in time for 2015-16 winter snow operations. Plans are also underway to build a new Water Division shop with additional employee and equipment parking. This proposed work will be brought to the City Council for review in July. If approved, construction would begin in August with completion anticipated by November 2015.

With such a large amount of people, equipment and materials to relocate in addition to their regular daily work, Public Works Director Jerry Hurlbert anticipates Street and Water personnel will be moved in by November.

The new Public Works facility was green-lighted by voters in November 2012 with the approval of Proposition 1, which allocated \$8.3 million in general obligation bonds for the project. Since the mid-1960s, Street Division employees have worked out of a converted metal airport hangar on North Drive.



Recreational Pier Reopened

In May, the Public Works Department reopened the Recreational Pier located at Bishop's Landing adjacent to the Lewis & Clark Boat House and Nature Center at 1050 S. Riverside Drive. The pier is a fun place to fish or just enjoy beautiful views of the Missouri River. Staff members hope the pier can remain open throughout the summer. However, if the water level becomes too high or low, the gated access will have to be closed for safety purposes. Haven't see the recreational pier yet? Put it on your summer to-do list to go down and check it out!



The entrance and front desk (top left) of the new 16,978 sq. ft. administration building. The exterior (top right) and interior (above) of the new 24,917 sq. ft. fleet maintenance building.



South Main Closure

Public Works will let a contract in August for brick roadway repairs in the 1100 block of South Main Street near Country Inn & Suites. Construction, anticipated to begin by mid-September, will take four to six weeks depending on weather. The road will be closed to traffic during this period. The repairs will include over-excavation of the existing soils, installation of a new base course material, followed by replacing the existing brick pavers. Temporary repairs were performed in late April when it was determined that closing for permanent repairs should be delayed until after the summer festival and event season along Main Street and in Frontier Park.

Ground-Breaking News

Have you been wondering about some of the exciting things you've been seeing around town? Here is the latest list of new and expanding businesses in the City.

AT STREETS OF ST. CHARLES | Leopard Boutique, Wasabi Sushi Bars, Picasso's Coffee, P.F. Changs, Pieology

AT UNIVERSITY COMMONS | Crazy Bowls & Wraps

ON HISTORIC MAIN STREET | OPO Startups, Kilwin's, Bike Stop Outpost, The Butterfly & Moon, Mr. Thirsty's Bar & Grill

AT LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY | Library and Academic Resources Center

AT MARK TWAIN VILLAGE | 4 Quarters

AT DIERBERG'S BOGEY HILLS PLAZA | Tesla Motors Charging Stations



Leopard Boutique opened May 1 in Streets of St. Charles.

SCCC Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On April 9 the St. Charles Convention Center celebrated its 10th anniversary with a ribbon cutting ceremony and upscale, invitation-only gala. Managed by Global Spectrum since its opening in 2005 and having hosted over 3,600 events and 2.2 million people, the facility continues to exceed expectations as one of the finest, full-service convention venues in the greater St. Louis metro area.

"What an absolute delight to participate in the 10th anniversary celebration of the St. Charles Convention Center," said Mayor Sally Faith. "General Manager Shura Garnett and her Global Spectrum staff members 'wowed' the crowd with the type of upscale reception we have grown to expect here in St. Charles. They have once again raised the bar and showcased why our local facility remains a leader in the convention and meeting industry. Congratulations to everyone involved for a job well done, and much continued success in the decade ahead!"

Named "Best Place to Hold a Meeting" by local businesses, the St. Charles Convention Center has 80,000 square feet of flexible space for wedding receptions, meetings, trade and consumer shows, and conventions. The Center features a host of helpful services including shipping as well as in-house catering, decorating, audio/visual, state-of-the-art communications, marketing, and event staffing for meetings and exhibitions.

The St. Charles Convention Center is located at One Convention Center Plaza along the South Service Road of I-70 between Fifth Street and First Capitol Drive and is attached to a 296-room Embassy Suites hotel. For more information, visit www.stcharlesconventioncenter.com.



Parks Board Seeks Final Input

In March 2014, the Parks & Recreation Board contracted with Kimley-Horn and Counsilman-Hunsaker to complete a comprehensive plan to address aging aquatic facilities. Pools such as ours at Blanchette and McNair Parks (both opened in 1992) and Wapelhorst Park (opened in 1996) have a projected 25-year lifespan, which means that they will need renovations soon.

The consultants' scope of work includes existing facility audits, demographic research (population, age, income, competitors), community focus groups and public forums, detailed cost estimates (capital, operational, revenue, business plan), and an implementation plan (facility types, location and phasing). The consultants' final presentation was presented to the City Council, Mayor, and Parks Board on March 10. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at City Hall.

To gather more input from citizens regarding the City's aquatic centers, the Parks & Recreation Board invites you to share your opinions by emailing info@stcharlesparks.com or calling 636-949-3372.

To view the latest presentation from the consultants online, please visit www.stcharlesparks.com.





Students from Mrs. Beth Wehmeier's 3rd grade class at Coverdell Elementary celebrate a victory in the contest and assemble comfort bags for SSM St. Joseph Health Center.

Coverdell Students Donate Comfort Bags To SSM St. Joseph Health Center

Students at Coverdell Elementary participated in a March Madness™-themed service project to bring comfort to kids in need.

Under the direction of the PTO, the school held a collection drive for small books, games, crayons, puzzles, stickers, toys, etc. The plan was to build the fun supplies into "comfort bags" that would serve as welcomed distractions for sick, injured or scared children at the local hospital.

"We set up a tournament-style sports bracket, and every couple of days we would count what was donated from each class," said Emily Jackson, PTO president and project coordinator. "Then, the classes with the most items advanced in the competition."

When the bracket was filled, the winning group was Mrs. Beth Wehmeier's 3rd grade class. As their prize, the students got to sort all the goodies and assemble the comfort bags during their lunch recess.

The project culminated with a fun schoolwide assembly, which was attended by Greg Neunuebel, PR consultant for SSM St. Joseph Health Center, and Ruth Guffey, Partners in Education facilitator for the City of St. Charles School District.

"SSM St. Joseph Health Center would like to thank the students and staff of Coverdell Elementary School for their thoughtful and generous donation of children's books and comfort bags," said Neunuebel. "We very much appreciate your hard work in assembling these items for our patients and visitors!"

Coverdell Elementary is located at 2475 W. Randolph Street (63301) and serves students in grades Pre-K through 4.

Coverdell Hosts Paws for a Cause

Students at Coverdell Elementary sure do love dogs and cats! In May, the school hosted its 5th annual *Paws for a Cause* to benefit the City's Animal Shelter, which is located just one-half mile from the school.



Every grade had a role in this service learning project. Third graders wrote letters seeking donations of pet food (El-Mel, Inc., St. Peters Old Town Country Store, Blue Buffalo® and Royal Canin® all generously responded). Fourth graders ran a lemonade stand that raised \$250 for Shelter Friends, a program that covers medical expenses for the animals. Second graders made posters. First graders ran a school-wide pet care item collection drive. Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and special education students wrote thank you notes.

When all the work was finished, the students took turns parading down Randolph Street to personally deliver the donations. Each grade toured the Animal Shelter and learned how their efforts would make a difference in the lives of homeless pets.

"We certainly thank these kids and businesses," said Teresa Gilley, Lead Animal Control Officer. "The donations go a long way in helping us feed and care for the animals, and we look forward to seeing the Coverdell students each and every year."



Coverdell students and staff parade supplies down to the St. Charles Animal Shelter. (inset) Animal Control Officer Cindy Jones introduces kids to two tabby kittens.



Daues Receives Highest Honor

On May 8, St. Charles resident Joe Daues received Ludwigsburg, Germany's highest honor, the Bürgermedaille. Presented at the Ludwigsburg Castle during the city's Founding Anniversary Ceremony, Daues was honored for his efforts in creating the St. Charles-Ludwigsburg Sister Cities International German-American partnership.

The partnership's roots trace back to 1994 when Daues led a group who wanted to carry on their German heritage and find a Sister City for St. Charles. They decided upon Ludwigsburg. Shortly thereafter, Daues developed a successful student exchange program that has served over 1,200 young people over the years. Daues worked to provide German students internships and scholarships to (then) Lindenwood College. Daues' fundraising efforts here enabled St. Charles students and teachers to visit Germany.

As the organization grew, Daues cultivated valuable relationships between the municipalities, the respective Chambers of Commerce, and businesses. He also organized several meetings between economic development teams.

Daues, who has German ancestors and was stationed in Heidelberg as a young U.S. soldier, remained the leader of the Sister Cities partnership until 2009. Congratulations to Joe on this highly deserved honor!



In Ludwigsburg, Germany, Joe Daues (center) receives the Bürgermedaille from (r) Herr Werner Spec, Oberbürgermeister (Lord Mayor) and (l) former Oberbürgermeister Hans-Jochen Henke. Photo by Holm Wolschendorf

At the Missouri Preservation award ceremony in Jefferson City were (l to r) Senator Tom Dempsey; Missouri Preservation President Brad Wolf; Penny Pitman; and State Representative Anne Zerr.

Photo by Tim Bommel



Preservation Champion PENNY PITMAN HONORED IN JEFFERSON CITY

Penny Pitman's lifelong concern for things of the past has in large part changed the face of Historic Main Street in St. Charles. This March, she was recognized by The Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation for her exemplary achievement in historic preservation. The ceremony was held at the State Capitol in Jefferson City.

As owner on numerous projects and as a partner in others, Penny has completed the renovation of twelve commercial buildings in the St. Charles National Register of Historic Districts, most including full facade reconstruction, returning the buildings to their original late 1800s and early 1900s designs. Her ability to recreate authentic storefronts and facades, her correct and sensitive designs and attention to detail and use of materials set her projects apart and establish a standard of excellence for others to follow.

Penny's signature project, and one which has been widely recognized, is the restoration of 117 S. Main, known as the IOOF Building (or Moose Building). The building has particular importance in the architectural history and identity of St. Charles. Constructed in 1878, the ornate Victorian design and prominent setting established it as one of St. Charles' most identifiable structures. The building was structurally sound but needed a lot of work. It was even proposed that it should be demolished and the land used for parking. However, Penny's renovation returned both the exterior and the interior to the prominence it deserved.

Operating as Iron Star, Inc., Penny has restored properties on South Main Street (104, 116, 117, 136, and 416) as well as on North Main Street (319, 213, 215, 208, 201, 123, and 105/107).

Penny's commitment to the community is also worthy of honor. She was a member of the first Historic Downtown Architecture Review Board, the Historic Landmarks and Architectural Review Board, and for the last six years has served as president of the Historic Downtown Association.

"We express our profound appreciation to Penny for restoring the historic character to over a dozen buildings along Main Street and for being a significant advocate for preservation in St. Charles," said Mayor Sally Faith. "We owe much tribute to where our Main Street is today because of her deep-rooted dedication."

The Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation (Missouri Preservation) is Missouri's only state-wide, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities throughout the State.

Retail Sales



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8-screen AMC Theatre; and the newly opened Dick's Sporting Goods at Wentzville Crossing.

“Elected officials and civic leaders have been very successful in attracting retail development in keeping with all the new housing construction and population growth,” Prestemon said. “Likewise, there has been a strong push to encourage local residents to ‘Shop Local’ in support of jobs, roads, parks, and public safety. The new record of nearly \$5.4 billion in annual retail sales is evidence all of these community efforts are working and having a positive impact on the local quality of life.”

To help promote restaurants, nightlife, fitness events, shops, and the arts to ages 20 to 40, Prestemon said the EDC and its civic group Partners for Progress has gone live with a new mobile website, What's Up St. Chuck.

“We look forward to doing our part to boost awareness of all that's going on and available in the community,” he said. For more information about the local economy, visit www.edccsc.com or call 636-441-6880.

Annual Retail Sales in St. Charles County

Year	Total Retail Sales	% Change
2000	\$3,430,205,112	8.87%
2001	\$3,653,301,175	6.50%
2002	\$3,894,894,042	6.61%
2003	\$3,999,150,484	2.68%
2004	\$4,158,846,423	3.99%
2005	\$4,383,238,920	5.40%
2006	\$4,485,158,936	2.33%
2007	\$4,681,254,174	4.37%
2008	\$4,578,396,743	-2.29%
2009	\$4,435,265,696	-3.13%
2010	\$4,517,779,373	1.86%
2011	\$4,654,428,312	3.02%
2012	\$4,912,893,630	5.55%
2013	\$5,014,133,306	2.06%
2014	\$5,385,652,114	7.41%

Old Post Office Restored and Opened as Co-Working Center for Digital Startups

Another dream has come true for resident entrepreneur Randy Schilling, President & CEO of BoardPaq. On Tuesday, May 5, he cut the ribbon at OPO Startups on South Main. After painstakingly rehabbing the former “Old Post Office” at 119 S. Main back to its original glory, the building is now a co-working center for digital startups.

The 10,000-square-foot facility will provide budding entrepreneurs and fledgling companies with affordable workspace and access to mentors, potential investors, programming, educational resources, and a community of local entrepreneurs.

You may not realize it but high-tech is big business in the Historic District. Nestled in between the shops and restaurants on North and South Main Street are some 30 tech companies including Aspect, BoardPaq, 3mbassy, SimpleFlame, Hypersoft, Pavaddo, and Red8 Interactive.

To learn more about OPO Startups, visit www.opostartups.com.



Joined by a large group of dignitaries at the OPO Startups ribbon-cutting were (from l, at the ribbon) Ward 9 Councilmember Ron Stivison; Mayor Sally Faith; Cher Edney-Pharis, U.S. Postal Service (St. Charles); Jim Droste, President of Droste & Sons Construction Co.; Randy Schilling, President & CEO of BoardPaq; Scott Tate, President/CEO of the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce; and Alan Groh, CTO of BoardPaq.



The Old Post Office located at 119 S. Main was built and opened in 1909. After an addition and slight remodel in 1950, postal operations continued there until 1962 when the organization moved to its current location on Jefferson Street. Since 1962 the building has been home to several different St. Charles businesses. Photo and historical information provided by Darren Stross

Five Businesses Receive Employer of the Year Awards



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Mayor Sally Faith bestowed Employer of the Year honors on five St. Charles area businesses during the May 8 general membership meeting of the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce held at the St. Charles Convention Center.

“It is an honor to recognize the successful efforts of local business owners in our community,” said Mayor Faith. “These companies make significant investments in the City of St. Charles, and provide a wide range of support and benefits. In addition,” Mayor Faith added, “these local businesses have made generous commitments to paying it forward through contributions to various charitable and civic organizations. Their strides are commendable and set an example worth emulating, which is exactly why each of these businesses is deserving of this recognition.”

St. Charles annually presents the Employer of the Year award in the categories of service, manufacturing/industrial, retail and sustainability. In 2011, a fifth category was added to the line-up known as the Jack Heck Award, recognizing a business that demonstrates the spirit of Jack’s commitment to faith, family and community. The 2015 business honorees are:



SERVICE

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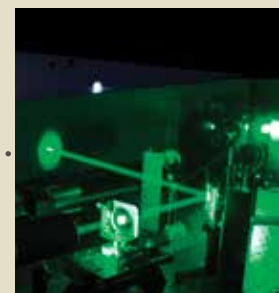
Located in Historic St. Charles, the Old Stone Chapel offers one of the most unique settings for weddings, receptions, banquets and special events in the greater St. Charles County and St. Louis metro areas. The Old Stone Chapel was opened in 2014 to meet the demand of the growing wedding market in this region, while providing a more intimate setting along historic Main Street and the scenic Missouri riverfront.



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Located in the beautiful "California House" on historic Main Street, Missouri Artists on Main houses over 40 artists and artwork on two floors. Artists are always present to greet you and talk about their work, as well as the other artists beautiful creations on-site. They also have guest artists changing displays every two months. Missouri Artists on Main hosts classes and workshops for the general public.



SUSTAINABILITY

Jodi Devonshire & Tony Caruso, Owners
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An indoor-outdoor restaurant, the Bike Stop Café provides bicycle sales, rentals, and repairs along with its signature menu of organic espresso, sandwiches, soups, and more. Owners recently opened the Bike Stop Outpost just a few doors down from their café that caters to riders, runners, dog walkers, and outdoor adventurers.



JACK HECK AWARD

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Baue Funeral Home is a full-service, family-centered business that provides life-honoring services to families in the Greater St. Charles and St. Louis areas. The Baue family is dedicated to helping plan a life tribute for loved ones while offering compassionate, attentive and quality care.



The City's annual economic development awards presentation took place as a part of the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting at the Convention Center. At the meeting, the chamber honored **JUST 4 US Childcare & Learning Center** (with two locations in St. Charles and one in O'Fallon) as its **Small Business of the Year** (www.just4uschildcare.com).

Mayor Faith indicated the City of St. Charles has continued to thrive over the years by encouraging local businesses to grow and expand. "In our ever-changing economic climate, it's critical to support area business owners so they can keep pace with technology, a growing population, and new product and service offerings," she said. "By helping businesses discover all that is at hand for them in St. Charles we can anticipate dynamic growth in our community throughout 2015 and beyond."

Award recipients attending the May 8 luncheon at the St. Charles Convention Center were (front, from l) Jean McMullen, Missouri Artists on Main; Sheri Steffens, The Old Stone Chapel; Mayor Sally Faith; Jodi Devonshire, Bike Stop Café; and Lisa Baue, Baue Funeral Homes. (back, from l) Anne Ritter, Brown Smith Wallace (chamber treasurer); Patricia Frank, Just 4 Us Childcare; Frank Struempf, Cutting Edge Optronics; Steve Mize, Cutting Edge Optronics; Tony Caruso, Bike Stop Café; and Scott Tate, Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce (president/CEO).

Photo by Michael Schlueter

Landmarks Board Seeks Nominations

The Historic Landmarks Board is currently accepting nominations for Preservation Awards to be given in May 2016 during National Historic Preservation Month. For more information, please contact Brenda Rubach, City Preservation Planner, at 636-949-3222 or Brenda.Rubach@stcharlescitymo.gov.

New Ride Referral Service



MO RIDES is a transportation referral service recently established to provide free assistance and help people find the most affordable public transportation options to meet their needs. MO RIDES can especially benefit senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and those with low to moderate incomes by helping them find transportation to job interviews, work, medical appointments, and other places in and around St. Charles County as

well as Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, and Warren Counties. You can contact MO RIDES between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is no fee to call for assistance, and you pay the transportation company of your choice directly once a ride is scheduled. For more information, call Deana Dothage, Mobility Coordinator, at 636-359-4656 or visit the website at www.morides.org.

Duree Center Seeks Program Participants, Sponsors

The Duree Center for Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood University is seeking participants and sponsors for two programs. **LEMONADE DAY** is a free community-wide educational program designed to teach youth how to start, own, and operate their own business through a lemonade stand. Kids will learn crucial life lessons through hands-on experience—and they get to keep the money they earn! Lemonade Day 2015 will be held on Saturday, September 12.



The **ICE HOUSE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM** is a highly interactive program that enables adult participants to learn directly from the first-hand experience of successful, “unlikely” entrepreneurs. The overall objective is to empower learners by exposing them to entrepreneurial thinking while immersing them in real-world entrepreneurial experiences. Participants meet one night a week for five weeks. The next class in St. Charles begins on July 21 at Lindenwood’s main campus. To apply for either of these programs, or to sponsor, visit www.dureecenter.org or contact David Rosenwasser, Director, at 636-949-4432.

Sign Up for City eNews

Want to stay in the know? Sign up for *City eNews*, an electronic update that is emailed every Friday afternoon. Get the latest news, project updates, event details and more sent right to your inbox every Friday. If you are not currently on the distribution list, email enews@stcharlescitymo.gov and you will begin receiving it automatically.

Meals on Wheels Follow-Up

Thank you for responding to the call to support Meals on Wheels. As of May 8, the City has received one-time donations totaling \$2,176, and another 418 residents have submitted pledges generating an additional combined annual contribution of \$9,804. Meals on Wheels ensures homebound seniors continue to receive nutritious meals, a warm smile, and a daily safety check. You’ll have another opportunity to “opt in” and make a voluntary donation on your next water bill. Stay tuned for further updates, and thanks again for helping to make sure no seniors in our community go hungry.

Recycling & Disposal Events

ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER RECYCLING by WITS, Inc. has resumed for the year. This monthly service takes place from Noon to 6 p.m. on the third Friday of each month, May through October, at the Family Arena’s north parking lot (2002 Arena Parkway, 63303). Learn more at www.witsinc.org.

Through September 30, St. Charles County residents may also safely dispose of **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** that typically is not collected by curbside recycling programs. Unwanted items such as chemicals, automobile fluids, pesticides, and oil-based paints (latex paints are not accepted) can be brought to Recycle Works Central (60 Triad South Drive, 63304). Collection hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and the last Saturday of each month, with no appointment necessary. There is a \$15 fee for loads up to 50 pounds. For larger loads, the fee is \$15 plus \$1 per each additional pound over 50. For a list of materials accepted at Recycle Works Central, please visit www.sccmo.org/892 or call 636-949-1800.

Helpful Mobile Apps

If you are interested in easy access to City information, the new **DISCOVER SAINT CHARLES MOBILE APP** is now available on the Apple and Google Play stores for download to your mobile devices. This app features a quick way to find pertinent information related to the City in just a few clicks, instead of having to directly access the City’s website.

SEECCLICKFIX is another useful mobile app. SeeClickFix gives residents and business owners the ability to report and track non-emergency issues such as potholes, maintenance concerns, and street-light outages using a smart phone or computer. For a complete overview of how to use the SeeClickFix app, visit www.stcharlescitymo.gov and look for SeeClickFix under the Services menu.

{ live in your world } TRAVEL IN OURS!

Did you know that the Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of day tours and extended trips throughout the year? Our July-December trips brochure is now available and is packed with exciting destinations for you and your friends to enjoy! We take all the stress out of your travels by planning each excursion with great detail. Whether it is a day trip to a local theatre for a show – or our extended 2016 Hawaiian Island *Escape to Paradise* – we invite you to take a look at what we have to offer! To receive a brochure by mail, simply call 636-949-3372.

Maybe you'd like to join one of our newest trips...

Shopaholics Holiday Getaway

Join us December 3-4, 2015 as we make our way to Chicago, IL for some serious Christmas shopping! Gather your friends or the whole family for a quick getaway. Chicago offers a wide variety of shopping destinations, several of which you won't find here at home. Scheduled shopping destinations include the The Magnificent Mile, Macy's State Street, Woodfield Mall, and IKEA Home Furnishings. The cost of this trip is \$300 per traveler and includes transportation, lodging, and two dinners. To learn more about this exciting new trip, visit www.stcharlesparks.com.



Events

Hawaiian Luau

Get ready for an exciting Hawaiian Luau! Enjoy swimming, games, an exhilarating luau show and a buffet dinner with pulled pork sandwiches, fresh fruit and more. Cost includes admission, dinner and show. Register by Friday, July 31 at 5P.

DATE: Saturday, August 1

TIME: 6:15-8:15P

FEE: \$15 per adult, \$8 per child (ages 12 & under)

LOCATION: Wapelhorst Aquatic Center

2nd Annual Illumirun 5K

It's the return of the Illumirun 5K benefiting the St. Charles Parks & Recreation Foundation Scholarship Fund. With the race, enjoy delicious food trucks, beverages, and live music by Carrie and the Catapults. Pre-registration is required. Visit www.stcharlesparksfoundation.org for all the details.

DATE: Friday, September 11

TIME: Food Trucks 5:00-10:00P
Live Music begins at 6:00P
Race begins at 7:00P

LOCATION: Frontier Park

Aquatics

NEW! MID-SEASON POOL PASS

Available July 6, this new mid-season pass grants you unlimited admission into our three aquatic facilities: Blanchette, Wapelhorst, and McNair. Purchase yours at the Parks office in Blanchette Park.

FAMILY PASS: City Resident \$100,
Non-Resident \$120

ADULT PASS: City Resident \$50,
Non-Resident \$60

CHILD/SENIOR: City Resident \$43,
Non-Resident \$50

PARKS DEPARTMENT



Lessons

Taekwon-Do

Taekwon-Do is an active learning program that teaches self-discipline and self-defense and builds self-esteem. This is a year-round program offered in monthly sessions, and new students are always welcome and may sign up any time. No previous experience necessary. This program is affiliated with the International Taekwon-Do Federation. Attend once or twice a week. Family discounts available (immediate family only).

LOCATION: Memorial Hall,
Blanchette Park

DATE/TIME: Tuesdays and/or Thursdays
Youth/Family Class at 7P
Adult Class at 8P

FEE: \$48 per person (2x week) or
\$34 per person (1x week)

Motorcycle Rider Education

These Beginning Rider Courses are ideal for both beginning and experienced riders. Course progresses from basic controls and riding skills to street strategies, special situations, and accident-avoidance maneuvers with emphasis on personal responsibility and risk management. The course accounts for the driving portions of the Missouri state test. Upon successful completion, you will receive a card which may entitle you to receive a discount on motorcycle insurance. Bikes are provided. Age restrictions apply.

DATES: Two-day courses
available (weekends or weekdays)

TIME: 8:00A-5:00P

FEE: \$240 per student

LOCATION: 2300 N. Main, 63301

REGISTER ONLINE OR CONNECT WITH US AT:



StCharlesParks.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY

ThursdaysSt. Charles Municipal Band Concerts | Frontier Park | 8pm | www.stcharlesband.com
 SaturdaysSt. Charles Lion's Club Farmer's Market | 7am-Noon | Foundry Art Centre Lot | 520 N. Main
 2-4Riverfest 2015 | Frontier Park | Annual Independence Day Celebration
 8.....Live Concerts on Beale Street | The Streets of St. Charles | 6-8pm | www.thestreetsfstcharles.com
 9.....2nd Thursdays—Eat, Drink and Be Creative | Foundry Art Centre | 5:30-8pm | Free | www.foundryartcentre.org
 11.....Hope for Haiti 5K Run | www.hopeforhaiti5K.com
 11-12King Orthopedic Big Shark Triathlon | New Town | www.newtowntriathlon.com
 12.....St. Charles Community Big (Jazz) Band | Frontier Park | 7:30pm | www.stcharlesband.com
 12.....St. Charles Lions Club Car & Truck Show | McNair Park
 15.....Music on Main | 100-200 blocks of North Main | 5-7:30pm | Live music by Miss Jubilee & the Humdingers
 28-31Missouri River 340 Race | Kayak race ending at Bishop's Landing | www.rivermiles.com
 28-August 1St. Charles County Fair | Rotary Park, Wentzville | www.stcharlescofair.org

AUGUST

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 18.....Food Trucks in Frontier Park | 5-8pm | www.stcharlesparks.com
 19Music on Main | 100-200 blocks of North Main | 5-7:30pm | Live music by Silver Bullet—A Tribute to Bob Seger
 21-23Festival of the Little Hills | Main Street/Frontier Park | www.festivalofthelittlehills.com
 29Race for the Rivers | Frontier Park | www.racefortherivers.org

SEPTEMBER

SaturdaysSt. Charles Lion's Club Farmer's Market | 7am-Noon | Foundry Art Centre Lot | 520 N. Main
 5.....St. Louis Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk | Frontier Park | 9am | www.lustgarten.org
 6.....St. Charles Community Big (Jazz) Band | Frontier Park | 7:30pm | www.stcharlesband.com
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 10.....2nd Thursdays—Eat, Drink and Be Creative | Foundry Art Centre | 5:30-8pm | Free | www.foundryartcentre.org
 11.....Illumirun | Frontier Park | Food trucks | Live music by Carrie & the Catapults | www.stcharlesparks.com
 13.....Trails for Tails 5K & Fun Walk | Frontier Park | 9am-Noon | www.fiveacresanimalshelter.org
 16.....Music on Main | 100-200 blocks of North Main | 5-7:30pm | Live music by Wrath of Kahn
 18.....POW-MIA Recognition Ceremony | Veterans Memorial at Bishops Landing | 6:30pm
 18-20MOsaics—Festival for the Arts | North Main Street | www.stcharlesmosaics.org
 18-19Augusta's 12th Annual Harvest Festival | www.augusta-chamber.org
 19.....Katy Depot Quilt Show | Frontier Park | 10am-4pm
 25-27Oktoberfest | Frontier Park | www.saintcharlesoktoberfest.com
 26.....We Love St. Charles 5K Walk/Run | DuSable Park | 8:30am | www.welovestcharles.com

For more information on these and other events, visit our website or follow us on social media. As a reminder, animals are prohibited in Frontier Park during not-pet events (service animals permitted). Events listed are subject to change.

 HistoricStCharles.com  [discoverstc](https://www.facebook.com/discoverstc)  [discoverstc](https://www.pinterest.com/discoverstc)  [discoverstc](https://twitter.com/discoverstc)  [discoverstc](https://www.instagram.com/discoverstc)



Riverfest July 4th Celebration



Festival of the Little Hills





FRONTIER PARK - SAINT CHARLES

July 2: 5:00 to 10:30pm

July 3: Noon to 10:30pm

July 4: Noon to 10:30pm

FIREWORKS

July 3 & 4 at 9:20pm

Simulcast: KCLC 89.1 The Wood

2015 SCHEDULE

July 2nd

5:00pm - 10:30pm

CARNIVAL

5 to 10:30

Join us for all the Fun!
Fountain City Amusements
Wristband Night - \$20 (5-10)

ENTERTAINMENT

Jaycee Stage ★ Frontier Park
Municipal Band
5 - 6

Miss Jubilee & The Humdingers
6:30 - 8

Bottle Rockets
8:30 - 10:30

★ Frontier Park ★
Balloon Art (5 - 10:30)
Bubble Bus (8 - 10)

July 3rd

Noon - 10:30pm

CARNIVAL

Noon to 10:30

Fountain City Amusements

CHILDREN'S AREA

Noon to 6

Provided by the Foundry Art Centre

ENTERTAINMENT

Jaycee Stage ★ Frontier Park
Just Kids and The Connection
from Patt Holt Singers
Noon - 1

The Buskin Bootleggers
1:30 - 2:30

Stephen Rees
3 - 4

Austin Young Band
4:30 - 6

Honey Island Swamp Band
6:30 - 8

The Congress
8:30 - 10:30 (Fireworks 9:20)

★ Frontier Park ★
Team Fredbird & Fredbird® (1 - 3)
Balloon Art (Noon - 10:30)
Stiltwalkers (4 - 6)
Lady Liberty & Uncle Sam

July 4th

Noon - 10:30pm

CARNIVAL

Noon to 10:30

Fountain City Amusements

CHILDREN'S AREA

Noon to 6

Provided by the Foundry Art Centre

PARADE

10:00am

Begins at Blanchette Park
to Main Street

ENTERTAINMENT

Jaycee Stage ★ Frontier Park
Buskin Bootleggers
Noon - 1:30

Cree Rider Family Band
2 - 3

Stephen Rees
3:30 - 4:30

Byrne and Kelly
5 - 6:30

Austin Young Band
7 - 8

Mingo Fishtrap
8:30 - 10:30 (Fireworks 9:20)

★ Frontier Park ★
Balloon Art (Noon - 10:30)
Stiltwalkers (4 - 6)
Lady Liberty & Uncle Sam



Animals are prohibited in Frontier Park during the Festival. Service Animals permitted. No alcohol, glass containers, or fireworks will be allowed to be brought into the Park.

Honored To Serve

From my heart I want to humbly tell you how honored I am to be able to serve as your Mayor for another four years. I try not to take myself too seriously, however, I want you to know how seriously I take the responsibility of serving you. Thank you for believing in me and our great City. The team we have assembled here in St. Charles is dedicated and ready to help you.

We do have a great community. It is a wonderful mix of the old and the new. From our quaint shops and robust nightlife in the historic district, to the new high-tech ventures of many youthful entrepreneurs, from our healthcare industry to our educational institutions, we truly have something special here in St. Charles.

Our progress together in the last four years has been truly amazing! Here is a recap of some of our most notable accomplishments:

- ▶ MoDOT's Blanchette Bridge reconstruction (2012)
- ▶ Main Street Documentary (Christmas 2013)
- ▶ City Hall Parking Garage renovation (facility reopened in Fall 2014)
- ▶ Fire Station #4, 3201 Boschertown Road (replacement of former facility opened in August 2014)
- ▶ University Commons (ribbon-cutting September 2014)
- ▶ Streets of St. Charles (continued development underway, see Page 10)
- ▶ Citywide Water Meter Upgrade (two-year process complete in 2014)
- ▶ 100th Anniversary of Parks & Recreation (including documentary - 2014)
- ▶ 40th Anniversary of Christmas Traditions (including documentary - 2014)
- ▶ Financial edition of the City newsletter (published and distributed to all residents during first quarter)
- ▶ Balanced budgets, continued transparency and the City's 5-year forecast

And looking ahead, here are a few key highlights you can expect to see:

- ▶ Greater Saint Charles CVB (renovation to be complete by June month-end)
- ▶ Public Works Facility (near completion on Mueller Road, see Page 3)
- ▶ Fifth Street Gateway project (to be complete in June 2016, see Page 2)
- ▶ Strategic Plan (5-year review process currently underway)
- ▶ Truman Road (I-70 & North Service Road construction to be complete in 2016)
- ▶ Future road improvements on First Capitol Drive, Kingshighway, West Clay, Droste and Duchesne (projects include buried utilities, completion dates pending)
- ▶ Parks and Recreation Aquatics Plan (next steps in progress, see Page 4)
- ▶ Katy Depot in Frontier Park (renovation completed earlier this month)
- ▶ City Hall Parking Garage (final reconstruction to be completed prior to Riverfest)
- ▶ New Water Tower (South Hwy 94, to be complete in 2016)
- ▶ City of St. Charles 250th Anniversary (mark your calendar for 2019!)

Some folks have asked me why I still have our staff produce this newsletter. Call me "Old-Fashioned," I guess, but I believe it is an important communication tool. One deserving the time and effort of our communications team. We are dedicated to providing you information in a variety of ways.



Please be sure to sign up for the City eNews. It is an electronic news update sent out every Friday afternoon. For many with smartphones, this means you get the latest information right in your pocket every Friday! If you are not currently on our distribution list, send an email to enews@stcharlescitemo.gov and you will begin to receive it automatically.

The City's website at www.stcharlescitemo.gov, has an incredible amount of information for your reference, including direct access to Youtube videos, which can be found online at Discover St. Charles. Plus, you can also view City meetings and a variety of video programming via our Media Channel on Charter (Channel 990) and U-verse (Channel 99).

Likewise, City staff members support a wide range of social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. For further details regarding how you can follow the conversation online, please refer to social media details included on Pages 8, 11, 12 and 16.

I hope you enjoy this edition of City News, and as the weather grows warmer, the upcoming activities in our fine community. Have a terrific summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally A. Faith". The script is elegant and cursive, with a large, flowing 'S' and 'F'.

Sally A. Faith
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St. Charles Lions Club Farmer's Market

7:00am-Noon Each Saturday 'til October 31
Parking Lot at the Foundry Art Centre



Healthy Living Senior Fair Tuesday, August 11

10am - 2pm | St. Charles Convention Center



Dogtoberfest & FRENCHTOWN PET PARADE

October 10 🍂 Noon-3pm 🍂 DuSable Dog Park



Tuesday, October 27 Senior Outreach Open House



9:30 - 11:00 AM

Foundry Art Centre, 520 N. Main